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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY), BR, US
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT: INVITATION TO CARDINAL SALES

1. CONGEN RIO REPORTS CARDINAL SALES RESPONDED WARMLY TO INVITATION TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT MARCH 31, SAYING HE WAS DEEPLY HONORED TO BE INCLUDED. HE MADE SPECIAL PLEA, WHICH HE PRESSED AT SOME LENGTH, THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO BRING HIS OWN INTERPRETER TO FACILITATE HIS FULL

PARTICIPATION IN THE MEETING. INTERPRETER WOULD BE AN AMERICAN CATHOLIC PRIEST NOW TEACHING AT RIO'S CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY WHO HAS INTERPRETED FOR SALES PREVIOUSLY AND IN WHOM HE HAS GREAT CONFIDENCE.

2. CONGEN RIO EXPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT WOULD HAVE HIS OWN INTERPRETER AND TOLD CARDINAL HE WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT BEFORE REPLYING TO REQUEST.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT CONGEN BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND AFFIRMATIVELY TO CARDINAL IN DEFERENCE TO HIS EMPHATIC REQUEST, BEARING IN MIND THAT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE WITHIN HIS ARCHDIOCESE, AND THE FACT THAT HE WILL, IN EFFECT, BE CALLING ON PRESIDENT RATHER THAN OTHER WAY AROUND. MOREOVER, SINCE CARDINAL AND ONE OTHER GUEST (FAORO)
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DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, PRESENCE IN GROUPS OF CARDINAL'S INTERPRETER MIGHT BE HELPFUL TO BOTH SIDES.
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